

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 6.

The air fed, as indicated at 92, from the mass flow sensor 94 to the air preheater 70, where it is preheated to a temperature suitable to be fed into the stack (typically 450-500°C). The incoming air is preheated by cooling the hot exhaust gas stream 63. The preheated air is then fed to the cathode compartment 32 of the fuel cell stack 30 by means of air conduit 72. As with the fuel, the oxygen in the air is partially consumed by the fuel cell reaction. The residual air, somewhat depleted of oxygen, leaves the stack by means of air exhaust conduit 42. As with the fuel gas, the air will typically be at close to the maximum stack temperature, typically 550-620°C depending on the operating condition.